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Cleaning of Tributaries of Ganga
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to clean tributaries of Ganga river and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The scope of cleaning Ganga includes Conservation, development, management and abatement of pollution in river Ganga and its tributaries.

Cleaning of river Ganga was started under Ganga Action Plan (GAP). GAP-I was launched in 1985 followed by GAP-II in 1993 with the objective of improving the water quality of river Ganga. These schemes were later merged with other schemes of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). Various pollution abatement schemes including interception & diversion of sewage and setting up of sewage treatment plants were taken up under the Plan. Under both phases of GAP, a total of 575 schemes have been sanctioned for undertaking pollution abatement activities in the identified polluted stretches of the river Ganga, of which 524 schemes with a capacity to treat pollution load of 1098 million liters per day (mld) have been established. The work of Ganga cleaning was continued under National Ganga River Basin Authority in 2009.

The Government has approved the Namami Gange programme in May, 2015 as a comprehensive approach to rejuvenate the river Ganga by inclusion of all tributaries under one umbrella at a total cost of Rs. 20,000 crore for 5 years. As of now 93 schemes in 55 towns along the river Ganga and Yamuna are under different stages of construction, out of which 26 projects have been completed.

Under the Ganga cleaning programme, the following tributaries of river Ganga have been considered so far - Yamuna, Gomti, Damodar, Ramganga & Kali.

The details of the projects sanctioned/implemented in the tributaries of river Ganga are given below:

S.No. Name of scheme Projects sanctioned (No.) Projects implemented (No.) STP Capacity sanctioned (in MLD) STP Capacity created (in MLD)

1 Yamuna Action Plan 313 304 1012.25 (new), 1353.00 (Rehab) 942.25 (new), 328.20 (Rehab)

2 Gomati Action Plan 61 59 423 392

3 Damodar Action Plan 14 14 13.17 13.17

4 Moradabad (Ramganga) 1 Ongoing 58 Ongoing

5 Kannauj (Kali) 1 Ongoing 1 Ongoing

Total 390 377 1507.42 (new) and 1353.00 (Rehab) 1347.42 (new) and 328.20 (Rehab)
